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- 1. DURING MY GENERAL REVIEW OF RELATIONS WITH FONMIN PUJA THIS WEEK, I EXPRESSED APRECIATION FOR WARM RECEPTION EXTENDED TO ZARB MISSION AND SAID I HOPED IT WOULD LEAD TO GOOD FUTURE RESULTS IN EXPANSION OF TRADE. FONMIN RECIPROCATED THE COMMENTS. NOTING MR. ZRB HAD RAISED POSSIBILITY OF SIMILAR RETURN MISSION TO US, I SAID I HOPED I MIGHT BEIN POSITION TO PRESENT CONCRETE IDEAS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. FONMIN SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE THEM.
- 2. FONMIN THEN ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS OF MFN THIS YEAR, SAYING THEY WERE GETTING CONTRADICTORY REPORTS BUT HE UNDRSTOOD IT MIGHT TAKE A LONG TIME AND HUNGARY WOULD HAVE TO WAIT. I SAID IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO TELL EXACT STATUS THIS FAR FROM WASHINGTON. MR. ZARB HAD GIVEN LATEST INFORMED VIEWS WHICH WERE HOEPFUL THAT A COMPROMISE COULD BE WORKED OUT. IN ANY CASE I SAID ADMINISTRATION WAS CONTINUING TO WORK ENERGETICALLY AT CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUE REALLY DID NOTTURN AROUND HUNGARY AND THAT CONGRESSMAN PODELL HAD EVEN INDICATED DURING HIS VISIT HERE THAT HE WAS GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO EXEMPTING HUNGARY FROM THE AMENDMENT SO THAT MFN COULD GO AHEAD FOR IT. PUJA MADE NO COMMENT. (THIS WAS IN CONTRAST TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD KALLOS, WHO HAD OPENLY IMPLIED WE SHOULD GO AHEAD SEPARATELY FOR HUNGARY DURING LAST SESSION WITH ZARB). PEDERSEN

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